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1. New brick barracks to house at least 2,000 men were built in the Chisoda Veche district in 1950. The barracks are occupied by a Soviet tank unit. A similar building, also occupied by a Soviet tank unit, was built on Calea Aradului.
2. Opposite the army hospital on Strada Gheorghe Lazar there is a large yard guarded by Soviet soldiers. Inside the yard about 150 tanks are parked. They are covered with tarpaulins. There is also a gymnasium and a wall for firing practice, both for Soviet officers, in the same compound.
3. Off Strada Gheorghe Lazar, opposite the former Banca Italiana, there is a Soviet officers' club. Formerly a Rumanian officers' club was located on these premises. A loudspeaker in the clubhouse yard relays the Moscow radio continuously.
4. A new radio transmitting tower has been built by Hungarian engineers near a cemetery. There is a red light on each of the three sections of the tower.
5. A military hospital is located on Strada Gheorghe Lazar, Timisoara (formerly the Marasesti hospital). The wards contain 2,000 beds. Most of the patients are Soviet soldiers; only a few beds are occupied by Rumanian soldiers. In 1950 about 400 tons of potatoes were delivered to the hospital in lots of 20 to 80 tons.

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